

1 (to be currently amended). A holding device for a shower hose,
 2 comprising:
 3 a feed-through element,
 4 a shower hose with a union for a shower head, the shower hose
 5 being led through the feed-through element and movable through the feed-
 6 through element from a position at which the union is at the feed-
 7 through element, outwardly to a longitudinal position along the hose at
 8 which the union is spaced from the feed-through element,
 9 a retaining mechanism disposed in the feed-through element, the
 10 retaining mechanism having a detachable coupling structured to couple
 11 and decouple with the shower hose for arresting and releasing the hose
 12 for movement relative to the feed-through element,
 13 wherein the shower hose can be pulled longitudinally outwardly from
 14 the feed-through element to ~~at~~ said longitudinal position, and ~~at which~~ the
 15 hose can be retained at said longitudinal position by selectively coupling
 16 the ~~at~~ retaining mechanism in the feed-through element with the hose,
 17 and ~~from which~~ wherein the hose can be allowed to retract inwardly from
 18 said longitudinal position ~~retracted back~~ through the feed-through element
 19 by selectively decoupling the retaining mechanism, and,
 20 ~~wherein the retaining mechanism is disposed at the feed-through~~
 21 ~~element for securing the shower hose against movement in one direction, and~~
 22 ~~has a detachable coupling for coupling and decoupling the shower hose with~~
 23 ~~the retaining mechanism, wherein the retaining mechanism allows the shower~~
 24 ~~hose to be pulled out, and when coupled prevents the shower hose from being~~
 25 ~~pulled back, and when decoupled allows the shower hose to be pulled back,~~
 26 wherein the detachable coupling of the retaining mechanism is
 27 actuated for said coupling and decoupling, ~~manually~~ by manual manipulation

28 of the shower hose that causes the retaining mechanism to engage with
 29 the feed-through element.

2(canceled).

3(canceled).

4(canceled).

1 5(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
 2 wherein the coupling comprises relatively movable parts that are ~~can be~~
 3 released from the shower hose by pulling outwardly on the shower hose
 4 and engaged by renewed pulling after release.

1 6(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
 2 wherein the detachable coupling comprises a clamping sleeve configured
 3 to secure the shower hose ~~is secured~~ at least partially by force closure
 4 applied laterally inwardly on the shower hose.

1 7(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
 2 wherein the shower hose has ~~is~~ at least one of a ribbed and coiled form, and
 3 the detachable coupling secures the shower hose ~~securement is realized~~
 4 at least partially by form closure with the shower hose form.

1 8(currently amended). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
 2 wherein the retaining mechanism comprises relatively rotatable parts ~~is~~
 3 configured such that the retaining mechanism secures the shower hose only in
 4 a certain rotary position and in another rotary position lets the shower hose
 5 through, and wherein said parts are relatively rotated by engagement of
 6 the retaining mechanism and the feed-through element.

1 9(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein the retaining mechanism has a sleeve, which, at one position at least,
3 has an inwardly projecting oblique surface.

1 10(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 9,
2 wherein, in the rest of a circumferential region apart from the inwardly
3 projecting oblique surface, the sleeve has a configuration in which the internal
4 diameter is not reduced.

1 11(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 9,
2 wherein the sleeve comprises an outer sleeve and the retaining mechanism
3 has a clamping sleeve, which is guided in the outer sleeve so as to be
4 movable to a limited degree and, at one circumferential position at least, has
5 an outwardly protruding projection.

1 12(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 11,
2 wherein a circumferential extent of the projection is smaller than a
3 circumferential extent of a portion of the outer sleeve that is free from the
4 oblique surface.

1 13(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 11,
2 wherein the projection is configured so as to be flexible in a radial direction.

1 14(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 13,
2 wherein the projection, upon radial movement inward, enters into at least one
3 of force and form closure with the shower hose (5) led through the clamping
4 sleeve.

1 15(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 11,
2 wherein the projection is configured on a molded-on tongue of the clamping
3 sleeve.

1 16(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 11,
2 wherein the projection is configured on a separate component.

1 17(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein the clamping sleeve is configured such that, when the shower hose is
3 moved, the clamping sleeve is carried along with the shower hose in a
4 longitudinal direction.

1 18(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 11,
2 comprising a connecting link guide between the outer sleeve and the clamping
3 sleeve, which aligns at least one said projection of the clamping sleeve
4 alternately with at least one said oblique surface and an interspace with the at
5 least one said oblique surface.

1 19(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 18,
2 wherein the connecting link guide has a connecting link on the outer sleeve
3 and at least one pin on the clamping sleeve.

1 20(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 18,
2 wherein the connecting link guide allows a full rotation of the clamping sleeve.